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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Centennial Anniversary of the Korean-American Community**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to designate this year as the Centennial
4 Anniversary of the Korean-American Community.

5 WHEREAS, In December 1902, a group of 56 men, 21 women, and 25 children
6 traveled from Korea across the Pacific Ocean, landing in Honolulu, Hawaii, on
7 January 13, 1903; and

8 WHEREAS, This event marked the first entry of Korean immigrants to United
9 States territory; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past century, Korean-Americans have demonstrated
11 initiative, creativity, and an affinity for hard work that has made them a vital,
12 successful, and growing part of American society and to the State of Maryland; and

13 WHEREAS, With their history of great success in this country,
14 Korean-Americans continue to make vital contributions to the freedom and
15 prosperity enjoyed by all Americans; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
17 General Assembly commemorate and designate the year 2003 as the centennial
18 anniversary of Korean-American immigration to the United States; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly encourage the citizens of the State to
20 learn more about, reflect on, and appreciate the unique and invaluable contributions
21 of Maryland's Korean-American community; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
23 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
24 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
25 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.